

## CHAPTER 4

**N**OW I say, *That* the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all;

2 But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.

3 Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world:

4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

7 Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

8. Howbeit then, when ye knew not God, ye did service unto them which by nature are no gods.

9 But now, after that ye have

known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?

10 Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years.

11 I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain.

12. Brethren, I beseech you, be as I *am*; for I *am* as ye *are*: ye have not injured me at all.

13 Ye know how through infirmity of the flesh I preached the gospel unto you at the first.

14 And my temptation which was in my flesh ye despised not, nor rejected; but received me as an angel of God, *even* as Christ Jesus.

15 Where is then the blessedness ye spake of? for I bear you record, that, if *it had been* possible, ye would have plucked out your own eyes, and have given them to me.

16 Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth?

17. They zealously affect you, *but* not well; yea, they would exclude you, that ye might affect them.

18 But *it is* good to be zealously affected always in a good *thing*, and not only when I am present with you.

19. My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,

20 I desire to be present with you now, and to change my voice; for I stand in doubt of you.

21. Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law?

22 For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a free-woman.

23 But he *who was* of the bond-woman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman *was* by promise.

24 Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar.

25 For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children.

26 But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.

27 For it is written, Rejoice, *thou*

barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband.

28 Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise.

29 But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him *that was born* after the Spirit, even so *it is* now.

30 Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman.

31 So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.

## CHAPTER 5

**S**TAND fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

2 Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing.

3 For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law.

4 Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.

5 For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

6 For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

7 Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?

8 This persuasion *cometh* not of him that calleth you.

9 A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.

10 I have confidence in you through the Lord, that ye will be none otherwise minded: but he that troubleth you shall bear his judgment, whosoever he be.

11 And I, brethren, if I yet preach circumcision, why do I yet suffer persecution? then is the offence of the cross ceased.

12 I would they were even cut off which trouble you.

13. For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only *use* not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

15 But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.

16 *This* I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these*; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

26 Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

## CHAPTER 6

**B**RETHREN, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.

4 But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.

5 For every man shall bear his own burden.

6 Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.

7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

10 As we have therefore oppor-

tunity, let us do good unto all *men*, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

11. Ye see how large a letter I have written unto you with mine own hand.

12 As many as desire to make a fair shew in the flesh, they constrain you to be circumcised; only lest they should suffer persecution for the cross of Christ.

13 For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep the law; but desire to have you circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh.

14 But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.

16 And as many as walk according to this rule, peace *be* on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

17 From henceforth let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.

18 Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with your spirit. Amen.

¶ Unto *the* Galatians written from Rome.

## DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

### GALATIANS 4--6

Chapters 3 and 4 deal with doctrine. Paul explains again the relationship between law and grace. There are three prevalent words throughout these two chapters: faith, which appears 14 times; law, which appears 19 times; and promise, which appears 11 times. Paul presents six arguments seeking to prove that salvation is by grace through faith, apart from the law. Chapter 3 presented three of the arguments; and today, in chapter 4, we find a continuation of those arguments. Paul explains in verses 1-11 what is known as the dispensational argument. If you have read the Scriptures carefully, you know that God has dealt differently with different people at different times. The age of the Jew and the keeping of the law had passed away, and the dispensation of grace was now prevalent. Men are no longer saved by keeping the law, but through faith in Jesus Christ. This is Paul's explanation concerning dispensationalism.

In verses 12-18 we are given somewhat of a sentimental argument, as Paul appeals to the people of Galatia as a loving spiritual servant and a concerned father addressing his children. Paul is appealing to the sentimental side of the people as he reminds them that he became as one of them as he preached to them.

In verses 19-31 Paul uses the story of Abraham's two sons as his final argument to prove that the new covenant of grace has overcome the old covenant of law. In chapters 3 and 4 Paul has tried to explain that there can be no mixture of law and grace. This is a simple, but firm truth. Any time these two situations mix, there will be spiritual confusion. May God help us to hold fast to His grace, which is sufficient for everyone who believes.

In chapters 5 and 6 Paul tells us again that we have liberty and are not under bondage; that we are to walk in the Spirit, not in the flesh; and that we are to live for others and not for self. Living for others is a very hard thing for a Christian to do, even today. We must wholly give of ourselves to the Lord and let the love of Christ move through us toward others. The flesh is selfish and is not interested in others; but the Holy Spirit, who indwells the body of every Christian, desires to reach out through us and bring others to Christ. We limit the Holy Spirit by not allowing Him to work through us. When we are completely given to His will, we love others and seek to help them in any way possible, spiritually, or materially. Paul is simply telling us in chapter 6 to live for God's

glory, not for man's approval. It is very easy today to try to please man rather than God.

In chapter 6:7,8 we again have the contrast of glory for man and God's glory. Paul tells us, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting." There is no way to win by living for self or for man's approval. When we live any way other than through the direction of the Holy Spirit, we become miserable Christians. However, when we are willing to let God have His way in our lives, then and only then will we have the joy and peace that every Christian is promised in God's Word.

### PROVERB FOR TODAY

"Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones" (Proverbs 16:24).

### TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

Spend this month reviewing the previous 13 lessons. For today, review Memory Verse Assignment 33 (found on page 7).

### HYMN FOR THE DAY

#### JOIN ALL THE GLORIOUS NAMES

*Isaac Watts, 1674-1748*

"Wisdom," "love," "power," "prophet," "priest," "king," "almighty Lord," "conqueror," "captain"—these are the names and titles used throughout the stanzas of this hymn to describe our Lord. But the conclusion is this: The most glorious names that either men or angels could devise would still be "too poor to speak His worth." Words are limited in their ability to convey the deep feelings of the soul. We can and should extol our Lord with great hymns of praise such as this, especially during this joyful season. But beyond our verbal expressions there must be a life deeply devoted to His person and the extension of His kingdom.

"Join All the Glorious Names" was first published in 1707 in Isaac Watts' Hymns and Spiritual Songs, Book 1. This hymn is generally regarded as one of Isaac Watts' finest among his more than 600 hymns and psalm paraphrases. These numerous works have earned him the title of the "father of English hymnody." A growing love relationship with our Lord and an appreciation of His worth should result in a life of praise and worship. We should also be led to respond in loving obedience with a willingness to say with this hymn writer: "Behold I sit in willing bonds

beneath Thy feet.”

*Join all the glorious names of wisdom, love and pow’r;  
that ever mortals knew, that angels ever bore:  
All are too poor to speak His worth,  
too poor to set my Savior forth.*

*Great Prophet of my God, my tongue would bless Thy  
name;  
by Thee the joyful news of our salvation came:  
The joyful news of sins forgiv’n,  
of hell subdued, and peace with heav’n.*

*My Savior and my Lord, my Conq’ror and my King,  
Thy scepter and Thy sword, Thy reigning grace I sing:  
Thine is the pow’r—behold I sit  
in willing bonds beneath Thy feet.*

*Now let my soul arise and tread the tempter down;  
my Captain leads me forth to conquest and a crown:  
A feeble saint shall win the day,  
tho death and hell obstruct the way.*

## **ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY**

**1779**

### **JACOB KNAPP WAS BORN.**

Jacob Knapp was a New York evangelist about whom it was said that the atmosphere seemed impregnated by the divine influence. God gave him a wonderful ministry in the East and especially in the state of New York. Let us pray today for evangelists everywhere. There is an evangelist whom you know by name. Pray for him. May God bless this faithful band of men who carry the message from place to place.

**1941**

### **PEARL HARBOR WAS BOMBED.**

The ship Arizona was ruthlessly and insidiously attacked by the Japanese. Eleven hundred and six of our finest men went out into eternity.

## **ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY**

**1874**

White Democrats killed seventy-five Republicans in massacre at Vicksburg, Mississippi.

**1885**

Forty-ninth Congress (1885-87) convened. Two black congressmen: James E. O’Hara, North Carolina; Robert Smalls, South Carolina.

Seventy-four blacks reported lynched in 1885.

**1941**

Dorie Miller of Waco, Texas, messman on USS *Arizona*, manned machine gun during Pearl Harbor attacks and downed four planes. He was awarded the Navy Cross.

Lester Granger named executive director of the National Urban League.

Spingarn Medal presented to novelist Richard Wright, “one of the most powerful of contemporary writers,” for “his powerful depiction in his books, ‘Uncle Tom’s Children,’ and ‘Native Son,’ of the effect of proscription, segregation and denial of opportunities to the American Negro.”

**1972**

W. Streling Cary elected president of the National Council of Churches.

## **MEMORY VERSE ASSIGNMENT 33 (for review):**

Please spend time reviewing these memory verses. If you have been completing the assignments in the TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING, then you already have spent a week memorizing the Scriptures below. Now it's time to review!

### **EVIDENCE OF DIVINE INSPIRATION:**

#### **THINGS RECEIVED IN ANSWERED PRAYER FROM PROMISES IN THE SCRIPTURES**

##### **Salvation promised.**

(      ) Jeremiah 29:13

And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

##### **Great things promised.**

(      ) Jeremiah 33:3

Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

##### **Anything promised.**

(      ) Matthew 18:19

Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

##### **All things promised.**

(      ) Matthew 21:22

And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

##### **Good things promised.**

(      ) Luke 11:13

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?